

Community Outreach Specialist

Description:

NOAA/NOS/Marine Biotoxins Program in Charleston, S.C. is seeking a full-time Community Outreach Specialist for the Southeast Phytoplankton Monitoring Network (SEPMN). The Program educates a four-state regional volunteer network of schools, universities, community groups, aquariums, and parks/recreational facilities on harmful algal blooms (HAB) while expanding the knowledge of phytoplankton that exists in coastal waters. Working with the SEPMN program coordinator, the incumbent will build strong ties with constituent groups and research partners and assist with possible network expansion throughout the U.S. This is a contract position based on two-thirds community outreach with responsibilities including assistance with training workshops for volunteer groups and development of outreach materials, such as newsletters, brochures, and classroom activities. One-third of this position will be data management and creation of web site content for the SEPMN.

Minimum Qualifications:

The position requires a B.S. in science or education with working knowledge of biology and chemistry or marine science. Experience in outreach and education is essential. A background in general data management, such as Microsoft Access and GIS is important but not necessary. Work consists of tasks that require skill in field collection techniques as well as laboratory techniques and procedures. Additional requirements include exceptional oral and written communication skills, and a willingness to work independently as well as with others. The position will require some weekend work and significant travel will be required. Salary depends on experience and education.

Applications will be accepted via mail, email, or fax until 5 pm on February 24, 2006. Please send cover letter and resume to:

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